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Conscientiously serving clients on their legal services and project needs whether on local, regional, national and international initiatives. Dedicated to effectively performing to meet client objectives and serving others the way we would all like to be served.

Concentration: Commercial and residential real estate sales and leasing, zoning and land use planning; and, litigation associated with the same. Established three in-house counsel legal departments for clients from 1979-93. Provided significant in house counsel and litigation support to one national mall developer, a regional food retailer; and, an international energy company on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, government relations; and, intellectual property involving research & development initiatives. Advisor/instructor to front line police officers and police executives.

Admitted to Bar: 1979, Ohio; 1980, U.S. District Courts for Northern Ohio; and 1986, U.S. Supreme Court

Education: The Ohio State University (B.A. 1975); University of Toledo School of Law (J.D. 1979); Ohio Basic Police Academy graduate (1981); Certified Ohio Peace Officer Instructor (1985)

Member: American, Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations

Additional:

- Practices in the Columbus, Ohio; Ohio region; nationally and internationally on select project work.
- Past Chairman and member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (the designated metropolitan planning organization and council of governments for Mid-Ohio-see www.morpc.org).
- Vice-Chairman and co-founder of the Mid Ohio Amber Alert Board tasked with training police, news media, and the public on how to properly utilize the electronic news media to broadcast news of abducted children (see www.mid-ohioamberalert.org).
- Instructor, Hondros College, Columbus, Ohio, Continuing Real Estate Education Courses (1993-Present).

- Published Author of numerous articles on leasing; zoning; property management; sales organizations; and public safety.
- Pro-active team leader and crisis manager of multi-disciplinary teams of problem solvers for large and small organizations including organizing and managing project teams of up to 50 professionals.

Sample of Major Clients Served in the past 24 years

1. Seaway Food Town, Inc. - A 48-year old NYSE traded regional food retailer (acquired by Spartan Foods in 2000 and closed in 2003)
2. The Cafaro Company – A national shopping center and mall developer
3. American Electric Power – America’s largest electric generator (see www.aep.com)
4. Crown Castle USA – One of America’s largest wireless telecom tower companies
5. American Tower Company – Another of America’s largest wireless tower companies
6. SBA Towers Inc. – A leading national wireless tower company
7. Universal Resources AG – A joint venture energy storage R & D company
8. Cricket Communications – A Leap Wireless Company selling fixed wireless telecom voice and data services
9. Lucas County Sheriff’s Dept. – A 300-person law enforcement, court security, and corrections agency in Toledo, OH
10. Standard Management Company – A national property management company of residential, office-warehouse, and shopping center properties
11. Wyndham International-an international hotel chain.
12. N.I.A.C.-an international industrial, consumer goods and investment conglomerate. (See www.niac.com)

Service with Community Organizations:

1. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
2. Mid-Ohio AMBER Alert Board
3. International Visitors Council of Columbus, Ohio
4. Columbus Downtown Rotary
5. Capital University School of Law Paralegal Advisory Board
6. Old Newsboys Charity Organization of Toledo, Ohio
7. Columbus Bar Association's "People's Law School" Coordinator (1996-2001)

References provided upon request